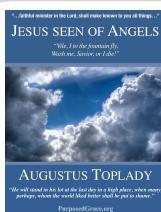


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(PSALM 20:9)



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WARFARE ACCOMPLISHED

“...CRY UNTO HER, THAT HER WARFARE IS ACCOMPLISHED, THAT HER INIQUITY IS PARDONED: FOR SHE HATH RECEIVED OF THE LORD'S HAND DOUBLE FOR ALL HER SINS.” (ISAIAH 40:2)

Warfare accomplished with the Law

An awakened soul has a dreadful warfare with the law of God. The law of God is revealed to his conscience, armed with a flaming, glittering sword. It demands the obedience of his heart and life. The sinner tries to obey it, he tries to bring his life up to its requirements; but in vain. The law lifts up its sword to slay him; it hurls its curses at him. This is a dreadful warfare in every awakened conscience; but when the sinner runs into Jesus Christ, [he discovers] his warfare is accomplished. “*The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it and is safe*” (PROVERBS 18:10). In Christ Jesus, the demands of the law are satisfied; for He was made under the law. Its curses are borne; for He was made a curse for us. The glittering sword pierced the side of Jesus. Oh! [reader] do you know what it is to have this warfare accomplished?

Warfare accomplished with the devil

We wrestle not with flesh and blood. An awakened soul has often an awful warfare with Satan. Satan fights against him in two ways: 1st, By stirring up his corruptions, and making his lusts to flame and burn within him in a fearful manner. 2nd, By accusing him. Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He accuses him in his conscience, in order to drive him away from Christ, to drive him to despair, and to give up all hope of salvation. He says to him: ‘Thou art a

vile wretch, not fit for a holy Saviour; see what raging lusts are in thy heart, thou wilt never be saved.' Ah! when the poor sinner runs into Christ, he finds rest there; [and is made to know] his warfare is [already] accomplished. He sees all the accusations of Satan answered in the blood of the Lamb.

Warfare accomplished with sin

The awakened soul has a dreadful warfare with his corruptions. His heart appears just full of raging lusts, all tearing him to pieces. He is driven hither and thither; but when he comes to Christ this warfare is accomplished. Indeed, in one sense the battle is not over, but just begun; but now victory is sure. God is now for him. Greater is He that is for him than all that can be against him. "*If God be for us, who can be against us?!*" (ROMANS 8:31). The Spirit of God is now within him; he will abide with him for ever. The Spirit now reigns in him. *Christ* now fights for him, covers his head in the day of battle, carries him on His shoulder. He is as sure to overcome as if he were already in glory. He says to him: "*Fear not, thou worm Jacob*"... "*Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine*"... "*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*" [ISAIAH 41:14, 43:1; HEBREWS 13:5] That word, *never leave thee*, reaches through the darkest hours of temptation, the deepest waters of affliction, the hottest fires of persecution; it reaches unto death, through death and the grave, into eternity.

[PASTOR] ROBERT MURRAY M'CHEYNE (1813-1843)

ONE THING IS NEEDFUL

"...ONE THING IS NEEDFUL: AND MARY HATH CHOSEN THAT GOOD PART, WHICH SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER." (LUKE 10:42)

Dear visitor, in our local church there are people who smoke, and those who don't, those who drink an alcoholic beverage with their meal, and those that don't. Some people have tattoos and some don't. Some watch Fox News and others watch CNN. Some believe we landed on the moon, and others don't. Some people believe the earth is billions of years old and still others believe the earth is thousands of years old. But there is *one thing* that God's beloved people all have in common, how that by God's undeserved grace, it has been His sovereign pleasure to make known to us our one desperate need, and that is His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Saviour for sinners. I know you have many questions—be still, listen to the gospel, and ask our Heavenly Father to let you hear His Son's saving voice; He declares how that He is the *one thing needful* "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me...I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish*" (JOHN 10:27-28). AMEN!

PASTOR

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

"ABOVE ALL, TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH, WHEREWITH YE SHALL BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF THE WICKED."

(EPHESIANS 6:16)

Many commentators in our day tell us that the shield of faith is *faith*; but I do not believe any such thing, for if that was the case instead of *the shield of faith* it would be *the shield faith*. But if you look into Genesis 15, it says, "*The word of the LORD [that is, Jesus Christ, for the Word was made flesh, etc.] came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward*" (GENESIS 15:1). And before Moses's death, after that he had blessed the children of Israel, he said, "*Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency!...*" (DEUT. 33:29). And the Psalmist David says, "*For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield;*" (PSALM 5:12) and furthermore, "*For the LORD God is a sun and shield,*" (PSALM 84:11) "Ah, but," say you, "that Lord God is the Father." But I say, No; for in Malachi we read, (the Father's promise to His people,) "*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise...*" (MALACHI 4:2). Thus it is plain that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Sun and Shield. "But why," say you, "is it called the shield of faith?" I answer, "Because faith lays hold of [Him]; faith lays hold of Christ."

[PASTOR] WILLIAM HUNTINGTON S.S. (1745–1813)

WHAT A CONTRADICTION IS A BELIEVER TO HIMSELF

"...THAT WHICH I DO I ALLOW NOT: FOR WHAT I WOULD, THAT DO I NOT; BUT WHAT I HATE, THAT DO I."

(ROMANS 7:15)

To hear a believer speak his apprehensions of the evil of sin, the vanity of the world, the love of Christ, the beauty of holiness, or the importance of eternity, who would not suppose him proof against temptation? To hear with what strong arguments he can recommend watchfulness, prayer, forbearance, and submission, when he is teaching or advising others, who would not suppose but he could also teach himself, and influence his own conduct? Yet, alas! the person who rose from his knees before he left his chamber, a poor, indigent, fallible, dependent creature, who saw and acknowledged that he was unworthy to breathe the air or to see the light, may meet with many occasions before the day is closed to discover the corruptions of his heart, and to show how weak and faint his best principles and clearest convictions are in their actual exercise. And in this view, how vain is man; what a contradiction is a believer to himself!

[PASTOR] JOHN NEWTON (1725–1807)